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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

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PERIOD 240701 - 250700 OCTOBER 1962

I. CUBAN SITUATION

a. 5TH MEB

ON 22 OCTOBER JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO LOAD 5TH MEB ASAP AND CHOP FORCES INVOLVED TO TEMPORARY OPCON CINCLANT.

ON 24 OCTOBER JCS MODIFIED HIS DIRECTIVE TO CINCPAC TO READ "LOAD 5TH MEB ASAP AND ADVISE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SAILING DATE. DO NOT REPEAT NOT SAIL THIS FORCE UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FURTHER DIRECTIVE WILL BE ISSUED PRIOR TO EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPARTURE DATE AND THAT FORCE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO TEMPORARY OPCON CINCLANT".

CINCPACFLT DIRECTED COMPHIBPAC TO CONTINUE LOADING 5TH MEB BUT NOT TO SAIL THESE FORCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

JCS 221805Z (TS)
JCS 241822Z (TS)
CINCPACFLT 242144Z (TS)

b. 3RD LAMM BATTALION

(1) CG AIRFMFPAC REPORTED TO CG FMFLANT THAT 3RD LAMM BN COMPLETED LOADING OF AIRLIFT AND THE

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1. CUBAN SITUATION - 3RD LAMM BATTALION (Continued)

LAST AIRCRAFT WAS AIRBORNE AT 242028Q. THIS AIRLIFT REQUIRED 91 AIRCRAFT LOADS.

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CG AIRFMFPAC 250106Z (S)

(2) CG FMFLANT DIRECTED CO 3D LAMM BN TO MOVE ONE BATTERY REINFORCED AS REQUIRED, TO MC CALLA FIELD, GUANTANAMO AND CHOP TO MAG-32 UPON ARRIVAL. CG, SECOND MAW IS TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT.

CG FMFLANT 241856Z (S)

(3) CG FMFLANT ADVISED CMC THAT 1 LAMM BTRY IS DEPLOYING TO GTMO WITH THIRD AND FOURTH ECHELON MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY. CMC IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THIRD AND FOURTH ECHELON CAPABILITY TO 3D LAMM BN (-) AT MCAS CHERRY POINT ASAP.

CG FMFLANT 250002Z (TS)

c. AVIATION

(1) EFFECTIVE 24 OCTOBER, CG 3D MAW CHOPPED VMA-121 AND VMA-223 IN PLACE TO CINCLANTFLT AND CG FMFLANT.

CG 3D MAW 242111Z (TS)

(2) CG FMFLANT REQUESTED CG AIRFMFPAC TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO THE STATUS OF 3D MAW ECM AIRCRAFT AND AIR CREWS STATE OF TRAINING.

CG FMFLANT 231953Z (S)

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d. USNAVBASE GTMO

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(1) COMNAVBASE GTMO REPORTED THE REQUESTED TPS 15 RADAR, WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM MCSC ALBANY, HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND HAS GREATLY IMPROVED OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES OF GTMO AIR CONTROL.

HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT LACK OF INTERFERENCE WITH YATERAS WATER PLANT AND FACT THAT CUBAN WORKERS WERE PERMITTED ENTRY TO BASE ON 24 OCTOBER WOULD INDICATE NO HARDENING IN GOVERNMENT OF CUBA ATTITUDE AT THIS TIME.

CTG 84.9 241744Z (S)

CTG 84.9 250141Z (S)

(2) CINCLANT's SITREP AS OF 241200Z INDICATES THAT MARINE SQUADRONS BASED AT ROOS RDS ARE READY TO ATTACK 13 PRE-BRIEFED TARGETS IN SUPPORT OF NAVBASE GTMO DEFENSE.

CINCLANT 241342Z (TS)

(3) COMCARDIV-6 REPORTED TO CINCLANTFLT THAT USS ENTERPRISE AND USS INDEPENDENCE ARE PROVIDING COMBAT AIR PATROLS AND ON STATION CAS FOR NAVBASE GTMO.

(EAC NOTE: VMA-225 WITH 20 A4D AIRCRAFT IS ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE.)

COMCARDIV SIX 240935Z (S)

(4) IN COMPLIANCE WITH CINCLANT DIRECTIVE, BLT 2/1 CHOPPED TO COMANTDEFCON EFFECTIVE 242210Z.

CINCLANT 231420Z (TS)

COMNAVBASE GTMO 242210Z (TS)

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2. MARINE CORPS (Continued)

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THE REPORT INCLUDES SPARE PARTS REQUIRED AND STATUS OF REQUISITIONS.

CG 3D MARDIV 240659Z (C)

3. MOVEMENTS

a. LTGEN LUCKEY, CG FMFLANT WILL DEPART NORFOLK TODAY FOR A ONE DAY TOUR OF NEW RIVER, CAMP LEJEUNE, MOREHEAD CITY, AND CHERRY POINT. ETR NORFOLK 252300Z.

CG FMFLANT 242300Z (U)

b. LTGEN ROBERTS, CG FMFPAC ARRIVED NAS BARBERS POINT AT 242300Z.

CG FMFPAC 242329Z (U)

4. MISCELLANEOUS

a. OSD, SECDEF, IN CONNECTION WITH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STUDIES, DIRECTED THAT THE MILITARY SERVICES REVIEW JOINTLY WITH CINCEUR ALL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMED AND PLANNED WITH A VIEW OF SEEKING INCLUSION OF A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

JCS 241638Z (S)

b. JCS ADVISED CJTF-8, MGEN STARBIRD, THAT SECDEF DESIRES THAT HE TURN OVER COMMAND OF CJTF-8 TO RADM MUSTIN AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO ASSUME NEW ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR, DCA.

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4. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

(EAC NOTE: JTF-8 SUPPORTS PROJECT DOMINIC, THE
PACIFIC NUCLEAR TEST PROGRAM.)

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JCS 241842Z (C)

5. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE

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TO BE RETURNED TO
EAC WITHIN 5 DAYS

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II MEF

(1) CINCLANT SITREP AS OF 232400Z INDICATED PHIBRON EIGHT ROUTED TO MHC FOR LOADING OF 3RD BN, 6TH MAR. PHIBRON EIGHT ETA AT MHC IS 272200Z.

CINCLANT 240540Z (TS)
NFP TELECON 250345Q

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MISCELLANEOUS

(1) CINCLANT ISSUED HIS OPLAN 308-62, LIMITED AIR QUARANTINE OF CUBA.

CINCLANT 231904Z (S)

(2) CINCLANT ISSUED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLICABLE TO HIS OPLAN 312-62.

CINCLANT 230345Z (TS)

2. MARINE CORPS

a. CG AIRFMFPAC RECOMMENDED TO CMC THAT VM CJ-1 CADRE AND VMF(AW)-513 BE RETURNED FROM 1ST MAW TO 3D MAW ON A UNIT ROTATION BASIS WITH ALL PERSONNEL.

CG AIRFMFPAC 240318Z (S)

b. CG 3D MARDIV REPORTED TO CMC THAT AS OF 23 OCTOBER THE FOLLOWING TANKS ARE DEADLINED:

33 M48A1, 29 FOR MACHINE GUNS, 3 FOR MACHINE GUNS AND REPAIR PARTS, 1 FOR REPAIR PARTS.

3 M51

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Today: 11/24/62

Current Marine Corps Deployment Status

COMUSMACV: DET VMCJH JAX

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MAG-24

In position at Key West, Florida with 4 squadrons, VMA-242, VMA-324, VMA-533, VMF(AW)-122, VMCJ-2. Commenced loading West Coast at 231200Z October 1962. Estimated completion time 96 hours. 1 has been assigned as the fourth MEB battalion.

1st MEB

George AFB to Cherry Point. Total aircraft 128 aircraft. At 040030Z lift was 30% complete. 28 hours required for aircraft recycling. Estimate completion 25-26 October.

2d MEB

BLT 2/8 loads aboard PHIBRON 2 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters 24 Oct. BLT 3/8 loads aboard PHIBRON 10 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters on 26 Oct.

3d MEB

In position at Guantanamo. Consists of 1st Ground Defense Force, Guantanamo, HQ, BLT 2/1, 2/2, and 1/8 plus FMP Augmentation personnel.

Reconnaissance

MAG-32 HQ

Enroute to Ross Rds to assume command of VMA-331 and VMA-331 (4 AHDs at Leeward Point).

4th MEB

HQ 4th MEB with BLTs 3/2 and 1/6 embarked aboard ships of PHIBRON 4 and located 50 miles South of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

5th MEB

Embarked aboard LPHs Okinawa and Thetis Bay located 150 miles South of Guantanamo. Each squadron has 12 helicopters. BOXER will take aboard 16 A/C on 24 Oct. to bring each squadron up to 20 A/C each.

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Current Marine Corps Deployment Status

CONUS:

MAG-14

In position at Key West, Florida with 4 squadrons, VMA-242, VMA-324, VMA-533, VMF(AW)-122 and VMFJ-2(-).

5th MEB

Commenced loading West Coast at 231200Z October 1962. Estimated completion time 96 hrs.

3d LAAM BN

George AFB to Cherry Point. Last aircraft airborne from George AFB 242028Z. One (1) Btry ordered to GTMO to chop to MAG-32.

2d MARDIV

BLT 2/8 loads aboard PHIBRON 2 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters 26 Oct. BLT 3/8 loads aboard PHIBRON 10 at MHC and departs for Cuban waters on 26 Oct. BLT 3/6 will load aboard PHIBRON 8 at MHC commencing 27 Oct.

GUANTANAMO:

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In position at GTMO. Consists of Hqs Ground Defense Force, GTMO, Hqs, RLT-6, BLTs 2/1, 2/2, 1/8 plus FMF Augmentation personnel. Air elements are Hq, MAG-32 and 4 A/C Det. of VMA-331.

ROOSEVELT ROADS:

Det. Hq MAG-32, VMA-333, VMA-331(-) (4 A/C at Leeward Point) and Det. VMFJ-2.

AT SEA:

4th MEB

Hqs 4th MEB with Hq RLT-2, BLTs 3/2, 1/6 and 2/6 embarked aboard ships of PHIBRON 4 and 6 moving to Caribbean assembly areas.

PROVMAG-26

HMM-261(-) and HMM-264(-) embarked aboard LPHs Okinawa and Thetis Bay moving to Caribbean assembly areas. Each squadron has 12 helicopters. (USS Boxer will take aboard 16 A/C on 24 October to bring each squadron up to 20 A/C each).

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